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TO: C/EE
VIA: EE/FI
SUBJECT: FI Stay-Behind Assets in Germany

REFERENCE: (a) Memo to Chief, EE from GPM, dated 5 December 1952, Subject: "Stay-Behind Information to be Furnished Senior War Planner, Europe."
(b) Memo to Chief, EE from AC/FI, dated 15 December 1952, Subject: "Stay-Behind Information to be Furnished Senior War Planner, Europe."

The following information is submitted for inclusion in the basic memorandum prepared by C/EE in answer to reference (a):

a. Agreements: Inasmuch as no official German clandestine service presently exists in Germany, CIA has no formal bipartite agreement with any official organ of the German Federal Government regarding stay-behind activities within West Germany. However, CIA has a joint working arrangement with the incipient German Intelligence Service on a mutually beneficial basis which provides for the development and continuance of certain stay-behind activities. It is hoped that this agreement will be formalized with the creation of an official GIS, presently expected to take place concurrently with final ratification of the Contractual Agreement.

b. Current Assets: Certain assets of the German Mission developed independently of those operated jointly with the incipient GIS are being assessed for integration into those of the GIS. Briefly, joint stay-behind assets consist of:

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EXEMPTIONS Section 3(b)

- (2)(A) Privacy ☐
(2)(B) Methods/Sources ☒
(2)(G) Foreign Relations ☐

Stay-Behind networks for intelligence gathering: 12 agent W/T operator teams, 4 one-man teams, 8 W/T operators and 10 agents completely trained and ready for immediate activation.

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22 W/T operators and 17 agents undergoing various stages of training.

(2) Burials in support of stay-behind networks: 65 small scale burials, mostly provisions, W/T sets and material for support of stay-behind networks.

(3) Air and Sea Reception Teams: Recruiting is in progress for 6 reception teams of eight men each mainly responsible for resupply of existing stay-behind networks and the infiltration and exfiltration of personnel.

c. Evaluation of Competence and Reliability of the Incipient GIS in the Stay-Behind Field:

The incipient GIS is considered both competent and reliable in the stay-behind field. In return for financial and logistical support CIA receives complete information of GIS stay-behind activities. Broad direction is given by CIA in the management of these activities. Any evaluation of the degree of effectiveness of stay-behinds in the event of war is problematical. Based on present security of networks, state of training and motivation of agents we consider that this program has a high wartime potential.

d. Exclusive FI Assets: FI has independently recruited and trained three W/T teams (2 or 3 men each) which are presently ready to operate. Another 4 or 5 such W/T teams have been spotted or recruited and are in the process of being trained and equipped.